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# FITZWILLIAM, N. H.,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

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# REPORT

OF THE

# SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

## OF FITZWILLIAM, N. H.,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1884.

The Superintending Committee entered upon the duties of their office at the commencement of the year, with the intention of being faithful and thorough, not only in the examination of teachers, but in every department of their work. At a meeting of the committee, held in month of April, 1883, we adopted a system of written examination of teachers, and determined upon a standard of qualifications and regulations for the examination of teachers, and prepared ten general questions, ten questions in arithmetic, ten questions in geography, ten in grammar, ten in history, and ten on government. The standard of qualifications specifying that candidates will be expected to answer correctly sixty-five per cent. of the questions in each of the subjects of the written examinations, and also that the candidates will be expected to pass in addition to the written, an oral examination, satisfactory to the superintending committee, in other branches than those specified in the list when required to be taught in any school We have given certificates to none whose abilities or qualifications we doubted as being sufficient for the proper management and instruction of the schools which they were employed to teach. We feel confident that the teachers, as a class, have been competent to their work, and have devoted themselves with commendable zeal to the duties of their station.

Both the Summer and Winter terms of all the schools progressed and closed with perhaps as few complaints in regard to teachers as in any previous year; yet these are never to be avoided. They often result from not knowing or being able to appreciate the cares, anxieties and responsibilities of a faithful and conscientious teacher. Many are disposed to complaln when no cause of complaint would

appear if they would visit the school and had a correct knowledge of what they ought to expect of a teacher. There are many in our schools who have never been governed at home, and consequently are unwilling to submit to the rules of order in schools. The teacher perhaps administers correction, which results on the part of the child in complaints of severity. The parents, instead of enforcing the necessity of obedience, join in the complaints and report the teacher as being cruel or partial, and therefore unfit for his station. Many such complaints have no foundation in reason or justice,—yet they are as numerous as any other class.

The condition of school houses is nearly the same as last year, with the exception of the upper school room in District No. 5, which, with the expenditure of the appropriation of the sum of twenty-five dollars, expended by an efficient committee, has very materially improved its appearance.

There has been no change made in the text-books, during the past year, excepting the completion of the exchange of arithmetics, which was made and commenced in 1882.

Your committee believe that there is yet too little interest taken in our schools by the citizens generally, although we are happy to see that it is on the increase. *Increase it should*, till all shall come to see and feel their high responsibilities and to make united efforts to raise these nurseries of the sciences to their appropriate place in the scale of great and sacred institutions.

### PHYSIOLOGY.

Your committee would call the attention of parents, citizens and teachers to the following amendment to the law relating to text books, which passed at the last session of the legislature, and which takes effect March 1, 1884.

The amendment provides that, in addition to the studies previously named in the law, teachers shall be examined in physiology and hygiene, with special reference to the effects of alcoholic drinks and narcotics upon the human system. The school committee may prescribe suitable rules and regulations, &c., provided that physiology and hygiene, including special reference to the effects of alcoholic stimulants and narcotics upon the human system shall be prescribed in all schools sufficiently advanced. And agreeably to the provisions of the law, it will be the duty of the superintending school committee for the coming year to examine text books on this subject by different authors and introduce such a book on the subject of physiology as in their best judgment shall fully comply with the provisions of said law: and also make the necessary rules and regulations in regard to the ages and qualifications of scholars who will be expected and required to pursue that branch of study,—which if the old proverb be true, that "The proper study of mankind is man," is truly one of the most important of all studies for pupils of sufficient age and qualifcations to comprehend the same.

Several other states, including among them Vermont and Michigan, have enacted similar statutes on this subject.

The statistics required by law we give in the following order:

The number of children between the ages of five and fifteen years, as given by the Selectmen, April 28, 1883, is as follows: boys, 128; girls, 121. Total, 249.

At the annual town meeting, in March, 1883, the town voted to raise and appropriate

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| For the support of schools, | $2,000 00 |
| To which was added the Literary Fund, | 117 76 |
| Town taxes on dogs, 1882, | 58 00 |
| Total, | $2,175 76 |

Apportioned among the several districts as follows:

| | | Prudential Committees. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| District No. | 1. | Jonas Damon. | $223 00 |
| | 2. | Harvey A. Clark. | 137 00 |
| | 3. | Horace Coolidge. | 183 00 |
| | 4. | George O. Dunton. | 159 00 |
| | 5. | John E. Fisher. | 515 76 |
| | 6. | Paid to Troy, | 8 00 |
| | 7. | Bartlett Hayden. | 140 00 |
| | 8. | James C. Baldwin. | 282 00 |
| | 9. | Joel Perham. | 148 00 |
| | 10. | Z. A. Boyce. | 128 00 |
| | 11. | Hiram Derby. | 116 00 |
| | 12. | Phineas Whitcomb. | 136 00 |
| Total, | | | $2,175 76 |

# RULES AND REGULATIONS

—— OF THE ——

# PUBLIC SCHOOLS

—— OF ——

## FITZWILLIAM, N. H.,

ADOPTED APRIL 1, 1881,

BY THE SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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1st. The Schools shall be opened punctually at 9 A. M. and 1 P. M., and closed at 12 M. and 4 P. M. Children in A B C classes may be dismissed after two hours attendance at each session.

2nd. The roll shall be called immediately after the commencement of each session, and a portion of the Scriptures shall be read each morning after the roll call, and the committee recommend the repetition of the Lord's Prayer by the teacher and pupils in concert, and singing at least once each half day.

3d. Obedience to the teacher is required, faithful attention to studies, and all whispering without permission forbidden.

4th. All pupils older than six years shall practice writing.

5th. Rhetorical exercises. One declamation, recitation or composition shall be given by each scholar once a week.

6th. Teachers are required to give oral instruction in outline geography; in grammar, the parts of speech and the conjugation of verbs; in arithmetic, the tables to be committed

to memory; in one of these branches at least five minutes each day.

7th. Scholars shall not mark, deface or damage anything in or about the school house; and they shall not engage in boisterous conduct, nor use vulgar, obscene or profane language.

8th. Teachers shall govern and instruct their pupils without partiality; shall inculcate the principles of morality, a sacred regard for justice, truth, love of country, punctuality, benevolence, industry, sobriety, chastity, cleanliness, neatness and love of order.

9th. Teachers shall look after cases of tardiness and supposed truancy, and may require written excuses from parents and guardians.

10th. Teachers shall notify parents and guardians of the wants of their children in books or materials to successfully prosecute their studies; and if not supplied in one week shall notify the superintending committee.

11th. The laws of the state make scholars responsible to their teachers in going to and from school when not under the care of parents or guardians.

12th. Holidays. The following named holidays only shall be granted to the schools, viz: Decoration Day (May 30); election day (first Wednesday in June); biennially when the same occurs; Fourth of July; Christmas day; New Year's (Jan. 1); Washington's birthday (Feb. 22). All schools will be closed on Fast and Thanksgiving days.

13th. Text-Books. No new text-books shall be introduced by the teachers, or used in the schools, excepting those named in the list published in the last annual town report, without the consent of the Board of Superintending School Committee.

14th. The law requires teachers to return their registers to the superintending committee, and get a certificate therefor before receiving their pay. Prudential committees are forbidden to pay teachers for their services until such certificate is procured and delivered to the prudential committees. See Chap. 5, Sec. 33, Page 89, Digest of School Laws.

15th. Teachers are required to observe and enforce these regulations, and read them to their pupils at the commencement of every term.

*Per Order of Committee.*

Received and recorded in town records, April 23, 1881.

# SUMMER SCHOOLS.

| District. | Name of Teacher. | Wages per month, including board. | Number of weeks. | Number of scholars. | Boys. | Girls. | Average attendance. | Not absent one-half day. | Tardiness. | Reading. | Spelling. | Writing. | Arithmetic. | Geography. | Grammar. | History. | Composition. | Drawing. | Physiology. | Book-keeping. | Algebra. | Philosophy. | Visits by Superintending School Committee. | †Visits by Citizens and Others. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Mattie B. Clark. | $32.00 | 11 | 24 | 12 | 12 | 20 | 4 | | 24 | 24 | 24 | 16 | 10 | 4 | | | | | 1 | | | 3 | 55 |
| 2 | Clara A. Peterson. | 31.00 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 | | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | | | | | | 2 | 12 |
| 3 | Anna M. Carter. | 30.00 | 8 | 15 | 4 | 5 | 11 | 4 | 14 | 15 | 15 | 9 | 12 | 7 | 7 | 4 | 4 | | 3 | | 3 | | 3 | 13 |
| 4 | Julia E. Wilson. | 20.00 | 9 | 18 | 10 | 8 | 17½ | 2 | 6 | 18 | 18 | 16 | 11 | 9 | 1 | | 6 | | | | | | 3 | 27 |
| P. 5 | Junietta Simonds. | 36.00 | 9 | 39 | 13 | 26 | 32 | 14 | 6 | 39 | 39 | 34 | 21 | 10 | | | | 15 | | | | | 3 | 21 |
| G. 5 | Sadie E. Bruce. | 36.00 | 9 | 9 | 2 | 7 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 3 | 9 | | | | | | 2 | 20 |
| *6 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | Alice W. Merrill. | 24.00 | 9 | 16 | 8 | 8 | 15 | 1 | 4 | 16 | 16 | 12 | 12 | 9 | 5 | | 12 | | | | | | 3 | 5 |
| 8 | Charles H. Brown. | 40.00 | 10 | 48 | 27 | 21 | 43 | 7 | 26 | 48 | 48 | 35 | 30 | 16 | 4 | | | | | | 1 | | 3 | 35 |
| 9 | Anna L. Brooks. | 24 00 | 11 | 9 | 6 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 16 | 9 | 5 | 7 | 5 | 3 | 1 | | | | | | | | 2 | 13 |
| 10 | Herbert D. Gee. | 23.00 | 9.6 | 13 | 7 | 6 | 12 | 4 | 3 | 13 | 13 | 8 | 9 | 7 | 1 | | | | | | | | 3 | 24 |
| 11 | Nellie E. Adams. | 20.00 | 9 | 10 | 3 | 7 | 9 | 9 | | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 6 | | | | | | | | 3 | 23 |
| 12 | Sara T. Perry. | 21.00 | 10 | 10 | 5 | 5 | 9 | 4 | | 10 | 10 | 6 | 8 | 3 | 1 | | | | | 2 | | | 2 | 14 |

*Under supervision of Troy.

†Aside from final examination.

# FALL AND WINTER SCHOOLS.

| District. | Name of Teacher. | Wages per month, including board. | No. of weeks. | No. of scholars. | Boys. | Girls. | Average attendance. | Not absent one-half day. | Tardiness. | Reading. | Spelling. | Writing. | Arithmetic. | Geography. | Grammar. | History. | Composition. | Drawing. | Physiology. | Book-keeping. | Algebra. | Philosophy. | Visits by the Superintending School Com'te. | †Visits by citizens and others. |
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| 1 | Mattie B. Clark. | $42.00 | 13 | 27 | 17 | 10 | 26 | 14 | | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 12 | 6 | | | | | 5 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 37 |
| 2 | Clara A. Peterson. | 31.00 | 9.6 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 5¼ | 3 | 1 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 6 | | | 1 | | | 2 | 11 |
| 3 | Alice M. Russ. | 31.00 | 12½ | 19 | 6 | 13 | 17 | 3 | 18 | 19 | 19 | 10 | 15 | 9 | 7 | 1 | 3 | | 1 | | 2 | | 3 | 5 |
| 4 | Walter F. Smith. | 42.00 | 9 | 22 | 15 | 7 | 19½ | 10 | 3 | 22 | 22 | 12 | 18 | 12 | 1 | | 2 | | | | | | 2 | 16 |
| P. | Lillian A. Wright | 36.00 | 10 | 37 | 13 | 24 | 33 | 13 | 6 | 37 | 37 | 35 | 32 | 20 | 22 | | | | | | | | 3 | 21 |
| G. 5 | Sadie E. Bruce. | 36.00 | 7.8 | 18 | 8 | 10 | 15 | 7 | 14 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 4 | 18 | | | | 2 | | 4 | 32 |
| G. | Frederick A. Burbank. | 45.00 | 12 | 31 | 19 | 12 | 25 | 6 | 2 | 31 | 31 | 31 | 31 | 24 | 18 | 4 | 18 | | | | 3 | 3 | 8 | 35 |
| *6 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | Alice W. Merrill. | 24.00 | 11½ | 16 | 10 | 6 | 15 | 2 | 5 | 16 | 16 | 11 | 11 | 8 | 5 | | 11 | | | 1 | | | 3 | 6 |
| 8 | Frederick A. Burbank. | 40.00 | 14 | 45 | 26 | 19 | 41 | 7 | 8 | 45 | 45 | 40 | 30 | 18 | 7 | | | | | | 1 | | 5 | 60 |
| 9 | Anna L. Brooks. | 26.00 | 4.6 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 4½ | 1 | 15 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 1 | | | | | | | | | 1 | 11 |
| | Grace E. Hyde. | 28.00 | 9 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 4½ | 1 | 12 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 2 | | | | | | | | | 2 | 6 |
| 10 | Herbert D. Gee. | 23.00 | 11 | 16 | 9 | 7 | 15 | 5 | 5 | 16 | 16 | 9 | 10 | 9 | 2 | | 2 | | | | | | 4 | 19 |
| 11 | Nellie E. Adams. | 21.00 | 13 | 10 | 4 | 6 | 9½ | 8 | | 10 | 10 | 9 | 9 | 8 | 3 | | | | | | | | 2 | 17 |
| 12 | Sara T. Perry. | 25.00 | 12½ | 12 | 7 | 5 | 12 | 8 | | 12 | 12 | 4 | 10 | 3 | 1 | | | | | 3 | | | 2 | 10 |

*Under supervision of Troy.

†Aside from final examination.

# LIST OF TEXT BOOKS.

The New Testament; Worcester's Dictionary.
Readers—The Franklin 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th and 6th.
Spellers—Swinton's Word Book Series.
Writing Books—Spencerian Series.
Arithmetics—Bradbury's Eaton's Elementary, and Practical, Eaton's High School, and Colburn's Mental.
Geographies—Harper's Introductory and School.
Grammar—Quackenbos' English and Primary.
Histories—Quackenbos' and Goodrich's.
Algebras—Davies' and Robinson's.
Physiology—
Book-Keeping—Mayhews.
Drawing—Krusi's Series.

## REPORTS OF THE SCHOOLS IN DETAIL.

We will now proceed to notice more particularly the several schools in town, and give to each a short statistical report.

### DISTRICT NUMBER ONE.

*Summer Term.*—Miss Mattie B. Clark, teacher, Roxbury. Length of school, 11 weeks; number of scholars, 24; average attendance, 20; Tardiness, 0; number of scholars not absent or tardy, 4.

*Roll of Honor.*—Mabel Cudworth, Lillian Damon, Grace Fife, Francis Rugg.

*Fall Term.*—Same teacher. Length of school, 13 weeks; number of scholars, 27; average attendance, 26; tardiness, 0; number of scholars not absent or tardy, 14.

*Roll of Honor.*—Mabel Cudworth, Effie Ellis, Bessie Ellis, Grace Fife, Mary Forgette, Florence Forgette, Elmer Damon, Isaac Damon, George Bent, Arthur Foster, Walter Hall, Carleton Hall, Minnie Chaplain, Eddie Smith.

This school, both Summer and Winter terms, was successfully taught and adroitly managed by Miss Clark. Your committee was highly pleased with her examination for the position of teacher, and predicted on the start what we fully realized at the close, viz: an unqualified success. All classes made a good showing at the final examination so far as thoroughness is concerned; yet we regret to feel obliged to say that many of the scholars spoke so low, in answer to questions, that it was with the greatest difficulty that the committee could understand them—the visitors farther back could not. The deportment of the school was good.

### DISTRICT NUMBER TWO.

*Summer Term.*—Miss Clara A. Peterson, teacher, Cambridge, Mass. Length of school, 8 weeks; number of scholars, 3; average attendance, 3; tardiness, 0; pupils not absent or tardy, 3.

*Roll of Honor.*—Charles A. Ellis, Jennie M. Ellis, Zella J. Firmin.

*Winter Term.*—Same teacher. Length of school, 9·6 weeks; number of scholars, 6; average attendance, 5¼; tardiness, 1; pupils not absent or tardy, 3.

Miss Peterson is a graduate of "The Cambridge Training School for Teachers," clear and correct in her methods of instruction, modest, and self possessed, genial and kind in manner. She conducted this school during both terms with marked success; and under her skilful instruction every member of the school made satisfactory advancement.

*Roll of Honor.*—Charles A. Ellis, Jennie M. Ellis, Maud A. Clark.

DISTRICT NUMBER THREE.

*Summer Term.*—Miss Anna M. Carter, teacher. Length of school, 8 weeks; number of scholars, 15; average attendance, 14¾; tardiness, 14; number of scholars not absent or tardy, 5.

*Roll of Honor.*—Cora L. Barnes, Sarah E. Barnes, Grace E. P. Holman, Herbert W. Dodge.

This was Miss Carter's first term in this district. Her excellent qualifications as an instructress were appreciated and acknowledged in the district, as well as in the school where she labored assiduously for the advancement of every pupil. We hoped to find the "First Class" of the preceding term with all of its members in this school, but were disappointed, as only a part found it convenient to attend. The examination was good. The prudential committe would gladly have secured the services of Miss Carter for the succeeding term.

*Fall Term.*—Alice M. Russ, teacher, White River Junction, Vt. Length of school, 12½ weeks; number of scholars, 19; average attendance, 17; tardiness, 18; number of scholars not absent or tardy, 3.

*Roll of Honor.*—H. Eugene Coolidge, Grace E. P. Holman, Herbert W. Dodge.

This term of school was commenced by Miss Blanche E.

Dexter, of Winchendon, Mass., a lady well qualified for the position, but on account of sickness, after having taught but a few days, she felt obliged to resign. Miss Russ completed the term. This was her first experience in teaching, and, although quite young, she met with very fair success. The examination showed fair progress, but would have been more enjoyable if the teacher had infused more life into her pupils.

DISTRICT NUMBER FOUR.

*Summer Term.*—Miss Julia E. Wilson, teacher. Length of school, 9 weeks; number of scholars, 18; average attendance, 17½; tardiness, 6; number of scholars not absent or tardy, 2.

*Roll of Honor.*—Cora B. Dunton, Perley Reed.

Miss Wilson has taught in this district before. She fully sustained this term the reputation in this district of being a good teacher. The school was quite large for a summer term, yet the pupils appeared orderly and industrious.

*Winter Term*—Walter F. Smith, teacher, Rindge. Length of school, 9 weeks; number of scholars, 22; average attendance, 19½; tardiness, 3; number of scholars not absent or tardy, 10. Roll of honor—Fanny M. Bebee, Annie R. Poole, Nellie C. Reed, Florence M. Whitney, Nettie E. Whitney, Walter O. Dunton, Charles A. Monroe, Oliver P. Poole, Perley Reed, Eddie Stone.

The district was exceedingly fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Smith. Although the term was quite short, much was accomplished—sufficient, at least, to more fully establish the fact that a short school well kept is much more profitable than a much longer term of doubtful utility. Through some misunderstanding the committee was not present at the final examination, but learn that it was creditable to both teacher and scholars.

DISTRICT NUMBER FIVE.

*Grammar Department.*

*Summer Term.*—Miss Sadie E. Bruce, teacher, Salem,

Mass. Length of school, 9 weeks; number of scholars, 9; average attendance, 5; tardiness, 3; not absent or tardy, 2.

*Roll of Honor.*—Minnie B. Byam, Abbie F. Reed.

*Fall Term.*—Same teacher. Length of school, 7·8 weeks; number of scholars, 18; average attendance, 15; tardiness, 14; not absent or tardy, 6.

*Roll of Honor.*—Minnie B. Byam, Clara A. Flagg, Edith G. Richardson, Grace E. Thompson, Fred. A. Newton, Frank R. Parker.

Miss Bruce is an accomplished scholar and a successful teacher. Her method of teaching is both entertaining and instructive, and a written examination near the close of the last term showed that the scholars had made most excellent progress under her charge. If the deportment of some of the scholars was not perfect, your committee attribute it to the fact that they were unable to properly appreciate the liberty allowed them by Miss Bruce's system of government, rather than to any fault of the system.

*Winter Term.*—Frederick A. Burbank, teacher, Lewiston, Maine. Length of school, 12 weeks; number of scholars, 31; average attendance, 25; tardiness, 2; not absent or tardy, 6.

*Roll of Honor.*—Minnie B. Byam, Clara A. Flagg, Abbie F. Read, Orrin B. Brooks, Lester G. Flagg, Frank R. Parker.

Mr. Burbank repeated in this school the success which he achieved in District No. 8. Excellent order was maintained throughout the term, and a thorough examination of all the classes on the closing day showed that the scholars had made great advance in their studies and spent their time very profitably.

*Primary Department.*

*Summer Term.*—Miss Junietta Simonds, teacher. Length of school, 9 weeks; number of scholars, 39; average attendance, 32; tardiness, 6; not absent or tardy, 14.

*Roll of Honor.*—Alice Annable, Nellie Flagg, Louise For-

ristall, Mary Hill, Ellen Lunderville, Ida Lunderville, Lucy Mitchell, Lettie Poland, Nellie Thompson, Addie Thompson, Berthier Davis, Lester Flagg, Frank R. Parker, George Hayden.

The school for this term was fully up to the standard of excellence which your committee always expect when Miss Simonds is the teacher

*Fall Term.*—Miss Lillian A. Wright, teacher, Swanzey, N. H. Length of school, 10 weeks; number of scholars, 37; average attendance, 33; tardiness, 6; not absent or tardy, 13.

*Roll of Honor.*—Alice Annable, Louise Forristall, Nellie Flagg, Maud Gleason, Mary Hill, Etta Potter, Mary Platts, Lettie Poland, Blanche Poland, Grace Richardson, Nellie Thompson, Addie Thompson, George Hayden.

Miss Wright was a worthy successor to Miss Simonds. Her methods of teaching are excellent and the scholars were kept thoroughly interested in their studies till the term closed. The school was a success in every respect.

### DISTRICT NUMBER SEVEN.

*Summer Term.*—Miss Alice W. Merrill, teacher. Length of school, 9 weeks; number of scholars, 16; average attendance, 15; tardiness, 4; number of scholars not absent or tardy, 1.

*Roll of Honor.*—Nathan B. Hayden.

*Fall Term.* Same teacher. Length of school, 11½ weeks; number of scholars, 16; average attendance, 15; tardiness, 5; number of scholars not absent or tardy, 2.

*Roll of Honor.*—Nathan B. Hayden, George A. Hayden.

Miss Merrill successfully managed and skilfully taught both terms of school in this district during the past year. She was fully alive to the interests of each and every pupil under her charge. The examinations were especially interesting from the fact that they showed *honestly* how much progress had been made during each term and nothing more.

DISTRICT NUMBER EIGHT.

*Summer Term.*—Charles H. Brown, teacher, Vinal Haven, Mass. Length of school, 10 weeks; number of scholars, 48; average attendance, 43; tardiness, 26; not absent or tardy, 7.

*Roll of Honor.*—Walter Baldwin, George Godbeer, Fred. Simeno, Willie Perry, Hattie Baldwin, Ada Godbeer, Nora Lang.

Mr. Brown was a Dartmouth student and was quite successful as a teacher. Good order was kept during the term and fair progress was made in the studies.

*Fall Term.*—Frederick A. Burbank, Lewiston, Maine, teacher. Length of school, 14 weeks; number of scholars, 45; average attendance, 41; tardiness, 8; not absent or tardy, 7.

*Roll of Honor.*—Fred. Bigelow, Walter Baldwin, Walter Perry, Hattie Baldwin, Lillian Baldwin, Gertie Sawyer, Harry Kimball.

The term was highly successful. Early in the term a spirit of insubordination showed itself in some of the larger scholars, but was promptly and firmly quelled by the teacher, and the deportment for the remainder of the term was all that could be desired. The examination passed off very well, the prompt and intelligent answers of the scholars showing good work on the part of the teacher and themselves.

DISTRICT NUMBER NINE.

*Summer Term.*—Miss Anna L. Brooks, teacher. Length of school, 11 weeks; number of scholars, 9; average attendance, 6; tardiness, 16; pupils not absent or tardy, 1.

*Fall Term.*—Same teacher. Length of school, 4·6 weeks; number of scholars, 5; average attendance, 4½; tardiness, 15; pupils not absent or tardy, 1.

The school appeared well when visited by the committee. The closing examination of the summer term was attended by the senior member of the board, who reported that "the

exercises were all very satisfactory and creditable to the district and teacher;" but the Fall term, for some reason, was not as successful. After a session of four and a half weeks, the teacher resigned her charge and left the school without an examination.

*Winter Term.*—Miss Grace E. Hyde, teacher, Gardner, Mass. Length of school, 9 weeks; number of scholars, 5; average attendance, 4½; tardiness, 12; pupils not absent or tardy, 1.

This was Miss Hyde's first experience in teaching; she was faithful and conscientious in the discharge of her duties, and preceptible improvement was made by the "too few" scholars who attended the school. The parents in one family, not liking all the arrangements of the school or the teacher, or for some other cause, chose to procure an instructor to teach their children in their own house, as we were informed by the Truant Officer of the Town.

*Roll of Honor*, during the year.—Leon F. Marshall.

## DISTRICT NUMBER TEN.

*Summer Term.*—Herbert D. Gee, teacher. Length of school, 9·6 weeks; number of scholars, 13; average attendance, 12; tardiness, 3; not absent or tardy, 4.

*Roll of Honor.*—Wallace J. Hardie, Eugene F. Furner, Emma M. Evans, Flora E. Hardie.

*Fall Term.*—Same teacher. Length of school, 11 weeks; number of scholars, 16; average attendance, 15; tardiness, 5; not absent or tardy, 5.

*Roll of Honor.*—Wallace J. Hardie, Eugene F. Turner, Herbie W. Holman, Emma M. Evans, Carrie M. Holman.

Both terms of this school were very successful indeed. Mr. Gee is a careful and painstaking teacher, and kept the scholars in full sympathy with him. The examination showed very marked improvement in all the studies. The deportment of the scholars, during both terms, was perfect.

DISTRICT NUMBER ELEVEN.

*Summer Term.*—Miss Nellie E. Adams, teacher, Royalston, Mass. Length of school, 9 weeks; number of scholars, 10; average attendance, 9; tardiness, 0: not absent or tardy, 9.

*Roll of Honor.*—Edwin H. Derby, Charles F. White, Lilla A. Derby, Nellie C. Derby, Nellie N. White, Walter B. White, Ida J. Derby, Mary E. Derby, Jessie M. White.

*Winter Term.* — Same teacher. Length of school, 13 weeks; number of scholars, 10; average attendance, 9½; tardiness, 0; not absent or tardy, 8.

*Roll of Honor.*—Edwin H. Derby, Alvah J. Derby, Walter B. White, Charles F. White, Lilla A. Derby. Nellie C. Derby, Jessie M. White, Nellie N. White.

Without any previous experience in teaching this teacher succeeded admirably in the discharge of her duties in this school during both terms. Not a tardy mark during the year, which is creditable alike to parents, scholars and teacher, and evinces that all took an interest in the welfare and success of the school. The pupils sustained themselves well under a very close examination at the close of the winter term, showing that they had been well instructed by the teacher.

DISTRICT NUMBER TWELVE.

*Summer Term* —Miss Sara T. Perry, teacher. Length of school, 10 weeks; number of scholars, 10; average attendance, 9; tardiness, 0; not absent or tardy, 4.

*Roll of Honor.*—Sara E. Green, Bertie O. Smith, Kate E. Green, Charles L. Smith.

*Winter Term.*—Same teacher. Length of school, 12½ weeks; number of scholars, 12; average attendance, 12; tardiness, 0; not absent or tardy, 8.

*Roll of Honor.*—Kate M. Green, Addie M. Grant, Ida L. Smith, Edith L. Whitcomb, Bertie O. Smith, Charles S. Smith, Charles E. Whitcomb, Marshall P. Whitcomb.

Both terms of this school, during the past year have been

under the instructions of Miss Perry, and fully sustained its good reputation. The instruction was practical, and we think the parents present at the closing examinations felt that the training of their children had been in safe hands. Home influence has its weight in this school. The pupils, as a rule, are industrious and obedient, making the duties of the teacher pleasant. The writing books were neatly kept, and improvement made in writing; there are some very fair writers in this school, considering their ages. All the questions in the register were properly answered.

### FINAL.

In concluding our report for the year we would say that we have endeavored to bear in mind that we have had committed to us important interests and trusts, and it has been our honest endeavor to discharge faithfully and impartially the duties and responsibilities imposed upon us by the laws of the State.

We would bear grateful testimony to the general cooperation and uniform courtesy which in all instances have been extended to us by citizens, parents, teachers and scholars, in all our official visits and examinations during the past year, and we express the wish that the same cordial and intelligent cooperation may always exist between them and our Superintending School Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

A. R. GLEASON,
AMOS J. BLAKE,
ELLIOT K. WHEELOCK,
*Superintending School Committee.*

Fitzwilliam, N. H., March 1, 1884.

# SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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Valuation of the Town as by Invoice taken April 1, 1883:

| | |
|---|---|
| 310 polls at $100 each, | $31,000 00 |
| Resident Real Estate, | 274,560 00 |
| Non-Resident Real Estate and other rateable property of non-residents, | 61,675 00 |
| 223 Horses, | 14,240 00 |
| 91 Oxen, | 5,852 00 |
| 392 Cows, | 11,058 00 |
| 178 other Neat Stock, | 3,464 00 |
| 102 Sheep, | 479 00 |
| 20 Hogs, | 177 00 |
| 40 Carriages, | 2,645 00 |
| Stock in Public Funds, | 11,575 00 |
| Stock in Banks, | 4,550 00 |
| Money on hand, at interest or on deposit, | 24,528 00 |
| Stock in Trade, | 27,920 00 |
| Mills and Machinery, | 11,100 00 |
| Total, | $484,823 00 |

75 Dogs.

Rate of taxation $1.30 on a hundred dollars of the valuation, including the highway tax which was paid in money this year.

## AMOUNT OF MONEY RAISED BY TAX FOR 1883.

| | |
|---|---|
| State tax, | $1,180 00 |
| County tax, | 704 30 |
| Town charges, | 500 00 |
| Schools, | 2,000 00 |
| Highways, | 1,600 00 |
| Painting common fence, | 35 00 |
| Gravel pit, on Winchendon road, | 25 00 |
| Surplusage on the above, | 260 71 |
| School District Tax No. 5, | 25 00 |
| Surplusage on same, | 1 23 |
| Tax on dogs, | 75 00 |
| Committed to O. L. Brock, for collection, | $6,406 24 |

We have drawn 145 orders on the Town Treasurer, amounting to $6,306.16, making payments as follows:—

## EXPENDED FOR SCHOOLS.

| | |
|---|---|
| District No. 1, | $223 00 |
| " " 2, | 137 00 |
| " " 3, | 183 00 |
| " " 4, | 159 00 |
| " " 5, | 515 76 |
| " " 6, | 8 00 |
| " " 7, | 140 00 |
| " " 8, | 282 00 |
| " " 9, | 148 00 |
| " " 10, | 128 00 |
| " " 11, | 116 00 |
| " " 12, | 136 00 |
| | $2,175 76 |
| Included in the above amount raised by tax, | $2,000 00 |
| Literary fund, | 117 76 |
| Tax on dogs, 1882, | 58 00 |
| | $2,175 76 |

## SCHOOL HOUSE TAXES.

| | |
|---|---|
| District No 5.—Paid John E. Fisher, prudential committee. | $25 00 |

## MISCELLANEOUS.

| | |
|---|---|
| E. M. Burt, paid for splints for hall, | $0 50 |
| " " " for printing town reports. | 39 60 |
| Melvin Wilson, wood for town house, | 13 75 |
| A. J. Blake, paid for stationery, | 3 88 |
| " " " " postage, | 2 13 |
| " " " " express, | 70 |
| " " " " printing, | 11 50 |
| " " " " cement and fixing bell tongue, | 1 08 |
| " " " " cupboard, selectmen's room, | 2 75 |
| " " " " recording deed of Handy, | 62 |
| " " " " expenses to Keene, | 1 35 |
| T. B. Burns, paid Wheelock for drawing slate, | 25 |
| " " " express, | 65 |
| " " " stationery, | 9 97 |
| " " " postage, | 45 |
| " " " Haskell, ringing bell, | 1 74 |
| " " " sawing wood, | 3 50 |
| " " " expenses to Keene, | 1 25 |
| " " " for slate, | 60 |
| " " " telephone to Keene, | 20 |
| " " " money overdrawn. | 3 00 |
| Paid Batchelder & Faulkner, retainer, | 6 00 |
| J. E. Fisher, repairs on town hall, | 150 00 |
| J. B. Fisher, slating town house, | 27 75 |
| H. Handy, repairs on gates to cemetery, | 8 04 |
| Smythman, for gravel, | 1 00 |
| S. Whitney, for rent of reservoir, | 5 00 |
| D. F. Hayden, work on and around cemetery, | 7 75 |
| D. H. Reed, check lists, | 1 00 |
| J. M. Parker & Co., oil, lamps, &c., for town hall, | 32 61 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid J. M. Parker & Co., library lamps, oil, paper and stationery, | $6 86 |
| M. W. Flagg, care of town clock, | 15 00 |
| Daniel Whitcomb, watering trough, | 3 00 |
| E. C. Whittemore, printing bill heads, | 3 75 |
| E. & C. Cater, fixing stove, | 1 00 |
| " " painting guide boards, | 7 50 |
| " " screw for town bell, | 25 |
| Dr. E. G. Annable, births and deaths, | 4 50 |
| A. R. Gleason, by vote of town, books for library, | 100 00 |
| bounty on crows, | 5 20 |
| A. R. Gleason, births and deaths, | 6 00 |
| " " care of library room. | 10 00 |
| Etta E. Gleason, repairing library books, | 5 00 |
| Etta E. Gleason, repairing library books, extra expense, and hired services in making the library a free town library, | 10 00 |
| for teams on town business, | 33 25 |
| W. H. Shirley for stationery and telephone, | 49 |
| Taxes of 1882, abated, | 18 36 |
| Taxes of 1883, abated, | 28 64 |
| Discount on taxes of 1883, | 161 93 |
| | $759 35 |

## HIGHWAYS.

| | |
|---|---|
| T. Blodgett, breaking roads, 1882, | $6 45 |
| H. A. Clark, " " | 5 17 |
| Hiram Derby, " " | 6 94 |
| Phineas Whitcomb, breaking road, 1882, | 35 59 |
| T. B. Burns, breaking roads, 1882-83, | 22 36 |
| H. H. Wheeler, " " | 33 45 |
| J. P. Mathews, " " | 27 82 |
| Benj. Whitcomb, " " | 10 42 |
| Dustin A. Gee, " " | 12 93 |
| C. H. Forristall, " " | 22 26 |

| | |
|---|---|
| F. C. Pierce, breaking roads, 1882-3, | $12 30 |
| Wm. Lebourveau, " " | 2 89 |
| W. E. Holman, " " | 14 96 |
| L. Richardson, " " | 9 23 |
| T. B. Burns, labor on Depot road, | 25 06 |
| D. H. Reed. " " | 27 42 |
| | $275 25 |

## APPROPRIATIONS OF THE TOWN.

| | |
|---|---|
| S. Batchelder, repairs on common fence, | $35 00 |
| W. E. Holman, covering bridge, on Richmond road, | 50 00 |
| | $85 00 |

## EXPENSE OF MAINTAINING FIRE DEPARTMENT.

| | |
|---|---|
| 36 enginemen, | $162 10 |
| D. H. Reed and others, fighting fire, | 49 50 |
| Charles Byam, fighting fire, | 7 60 |
| Lanterns and badges, | 8 07 |
| O. K. Wheelock, drawing engine, 3 fires, | 4 00 |
| 5 Firewards, | 15 00 |
| | $246 27 |

## BRIDGES.

| | |
|---|---|
| Samuel Kendall, bridge plank, | $18 75 |
| Dustin A. Gee, " " | 15 88 |
| G. H. Fairbanks, building sluice, | 12 60 |
| S. S. Stone, bridge plank, | 15 73 |
| A. J. Blake, " " | 2 40 |
| Joel Perham, repairing bridge, | 6 16 |
| H. A. Clark, plank, | 6 96 |
| S. S. Stone, stringers, | 3 89 |
| I. H. Burbank, bridge plank, | 7 85 |
| E. L. Stone, bridge plank, | 33 12 |
| Jonas Damon, plank and stringers, | 21 10 |

| | |
|---|---|
| A. J. Blake, bridge stringers, | $0 60 |
| O. K. Wheelock, plank, | 81 |
| | $145 85 |

## TOWN PAUPERS.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid N. H. Asylum, for Nettie H. Bemis, | $229 78 |
| T. B. Burns, board of Ivers Emerson, | 233 40 |
| " clothing, " | 7 83 |
| " extra cotton cloth, Ivers Emerson, | 3 05 |
| Mrs. Boyce, washing for Paul Handy, | 1 00 |
| H. Derby, 1 cord wood, " | 3 50 |
| C. B. Perry, goods for " | 10 00 |
| Town, wood and drawing for " | 3 75 |
| J. M. Parker & Co., goods, " | 4 00 |
| T. B. Burns, board for " | 43 50 |
| T. B. Burns, medicine, for " | 1 35 |
| D. Boyce, wood, White family, | 4 50 |
| C. B. Perry, goods, " | 10 49 |
| D. Boyce, board Miss White, | 20 00 |
| for wood, for White family, | 2 00 |
| Dr. Annable, medical aid for Carlos Champney, | 19 75 |
| for wood, drawing and fitting the same, for Tamer Davis, | 24 25 |
| for tobacco, for Tamer Davis, | 93 |
| for aid to Moses B. Feltch, for winter, | 8 00 |
| | $631 08 |

NOTE.—Of this amount, George L. Bemis has paid to the Town Treasurer one dollar per week on the Nettie A. Bemis account.

## COUNTY PAUPERS.

| | |
|---|---|
| Henry C. Allen, expense to Westmoreland, | $13 40 |
| J. M. Parker, goods for Kingsley family, | 8 22 |
| P. S. & S. Batcheller, medicine for Kingsley family, | 50 |
| Dr. Annable, medical attendance for Kingsley family, | 24 05 |
| Aid furnished Jane A. Page, | 27 32 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Eight tramps, | $6 20 |
| Aid furnished Joseph Door, | 11 92 |
| E. & C. Carter, coffin for Mrs. Lunderville, | 6 00 |
| | $97 61 |

The amount of money raised and committed to the several Highway Surveyors for 1883, was as follows:

| District No. | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Jonas Damon, | $86 00 | balance due, | $26 00 |
| 2. | Elisha M. Bent, | 60 00 | " | 20 00 |
| 3. | Harvey A. Clark, | 40 00 | " | 11 14 |
| 4. | Samuel Kendall, | 68 00 | " | 27 40 |
| 5. | Edwin C. Baker, | 92 00 | " | 26 25 |
| 6. | William H. Shirley, | 64 00 | " | 17 50 |
| 7. | Joel Perham, | 57 00 | " | 25 72 |
| 8. | William Lebourveau, | 30 00 | " | 10 37 |
| 9. | Timothy Blodgett, | 47 00 | " | 9 00 |
| 10. | Dustin A. Gee, | 37 00 | " | 7 00 |
| 11. | Charles Byam, | 91 00 | " | 40 75 |
| 12. | Dustin A. Gee, | 30 00 | " | 1 75 |
| 13. | James P. Matthews, | 30 00 | " | 8 74 |
| 14. | Charles H. Forristall, | 70 00 | " | 11 60 |
| 15. | Norman U. Cahill, | 95 00 | " | 15 35 |
| 16. | Anson G. Bebee, | 30 00 | " | 11 00 |
| 17. | Leonard Byam, | 18 00 | " | 10 00 |
| 18. | Oliver K. Wheelock, | 97 00 | " | 24 05 |
| 19. | I. H. Burbank, | 42 00 | " | 17 00 |
| 20. | Thomas B. Burns, | 57 00 | " | 14 00 |
| 21. | Thomas B. Burns, | 92 00 | " | 20 00 |
| 22. | Stephen A. Taylor, | 20 00 | " | 5 00 |
| 23. | Frederick E. Pierce, | 22 00 | " | 8 00 |
| 24. | Thomas Holbrook, | 4 00 | " | 1 33 |
| 25. | William E. Blodgett, | 54 00 | " | 2 25 |
| 26. | Melvin Wilson, | 18 00 | " | 10 75 |
| 27. | Melvin Wilson, | 42 00 | " | 9 25 |
| 28. | Moses A. Allen, | 48 00 | " | 12 00 |
| 29. | | | " | |

| District No. | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 30. | George H. Fairbanks, | $90 00 | balance due, | $10 00 |
| 31. | Oliver W. Smith, | 34 00 | " | 4 00 |
| 32. | Hiram Derby, | 35 00 | " | 13 00 |
| | | $1,600 00 | Due, | $430 20 |
| | | 430 20 | | |
| Amount paid, | | $1,169 80 | | |

## TOWN OFFICERS.

| | |
|---|---|
| E. M. Bent, selectman, | $2 50 |
| L. Richardson, truant officer, 1882, | 8 00 |
| A. J. Blake, moderator, | 2 00 |
| D. F. Hayden, sexton, | 32 67 |
| D. H. Reed, for supervisors, | 18 00 |
| L. Richardson, truant officer, 1883, | 5 60 |
| N. T. Byam, agent town house, | 100 00 |
| S. Batcheller, town clerk, | 33 17 |
| A. R. Gleason, for school committee, | 75 00 |
| Etta E. Gleason, librarian, | 20 00 |
| Selectmen, | 301 25 |
| J. M. Parker, town treasurer, | 20 00 |
| O. L. Brock, collector of taxes, | 75 00 |
| Auditors' bill, | 2 00 |
| | $695 19 |

## SETTLEMENT WITH O. L. BROCK, COLLECTOR FOR 1882.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Due the town March 1, 1883, | | $595 76 |
| Of this amount he has paid town treasurer | $544 94 | |
| Abated, | 18 36 | |
| | | $563 30 |
| Balance due the town March 1, 1884, | | $32 46 |

## SETTLEMENT WITH O. L. BROCK, COLLECTOR FOR 1883.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Assessed and committed for collection, 1883, | | $6,406 24 |
| Abated, | $ 28 64 | |
| Discounts, | 161 93 | |
| Paid town treasurer, | 5,645 95 | |
| | | $5,836 52 |
| Due the town March 1, 1884, | | $569 72 |

## LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

| | |
|---|---|
| Due the town history fund, | $500 00 |
| " several highway districts, | 438 20 |
| " gravel pit on Winchendon road, | 25 00 |
| | $963 20 |

## ASSETS.

| | |
|---|---|
| Money in town treasury, | $353 82 |
| Due from the State, bounty on crows, | 3 50 |
| " County, | 69 16 |
| " Collector of taxes, 1882, | 32 46 |
| " Collector of taxes, 1883, | 569 72 |
| | $1,028 66 |
| Amount of assets above liabilities, | $65 46 |

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS B. BURNS,
WILLIAM H. SHIRLEY,
AMOS J. BLAKE,
*Selectmen of Fitzwilliam.*

Fitzwilliam, N. H., March 1, 1884.

We, the subscribers, having examined the foregoing report of the selectmen, certify that we find it properly vouched and correctly cast.

CALVIN B. PERRY.
CHARLES D. BIGELOW,
*Auditors.*

RECAPITULATION.

| | |
|---|---|
| Schools, | 2,175 76 |
| School house taxes, No. 5, | 25 00 |
| Miscellaneous, | 759 35 |
| Highways, | 275 25 |
| Appropriations of the town, | 85 00 |
| Fire department, | 246 27 |
| Bridges, | 145 85 |
| Town paupers, | 631 08 |
| County paupers, | 97 61 |
| Highway districts for 1883, | 1,169 80 |
| Town officers, | 695 19 |
| | $6,306 16 |

1169 80
145 85
275 25
1590 90

# REPORT OF TOWN HALL AGENT.

The Agent of the Town Hall respectfully presents to the town the following report, from March 1, 1883 to March 1, 1884:

Total number times Hall opened during the year, 144.

| | |
|---|---|
| Hall opened 67 times for the band meetings, | free. |
| 2 caucus, Democratic and Republican, | " |
| Town meeting, March 13, 1883, | " |
| 32 singing schools, | " |
| 5 temperance lectures, | " |
| 1 meeting Board of Agriculture, | " |
| 1 meeting Farmers' and Mechanics' Club, | " |
| 1 firemen's ball, | " |
| 7 meetings Post of Grand Army No. 72, | " |

1883.

| | |
|---|---|
| March 26, Norfolk Singers, | $3 00 |
| May 1, social dance, | 5 00 |
| " 11, Guy Family, | 4 00 |
| 9 Unitarian meetings, | 9 00 |
| July 26, social dance, | 4 00 |
| Aug. 7, social dance, | 4 00 |
| " 16, Orthodox annual fair, | 3 00 |
| " 18, social dance, | 4 00 |
| " 23, pink party, | 3 00 |
| " 24, " | 3 00 |
| Oct. 12, base ball dance, | 5 00 |
| " 23, E. A. Nutting party, | 1 00 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Dec. 24, Christmas festival, | $3 00 |
| " 27, select reading and magic lantern, | 3 00 |
| " 4 temperance lectures, Mr. Frost, | 8 00 |
| 1884. | |
| Feb. 7, Wilkins' ball, | 5 00 |
| Total receipts, | $67 00 |

Respectfully submitted,

NATHAN T. BYAM,

*Agent of Town Hall.*

FITZWILLIAM, N. H., March 1, 1884.

Amount of money raised and committed to the Highway Surveyors, for the year 1882, as follows:

| District No. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Jonas Damon, settled, | $90 93 | Due, $0 00 |
| 2. | Henry T. Hall, not settled, | 63 67 | |
| 3. | Frank L. Perham, not settled, | 44 24 | |
| 4. | Samuel Kendall, not settled, | 72 54 | |
| 5. | Leander Richardson, settled, | 95 84 | |
| 6. | Marshall E. Chaplin, not settled, | 68 04 | |
| 7. | Joel Perham, settled, | 61 57 | |
| 8. | William Lebourvean, settled, | 34 39 | 0 90 |
| 9. | Timothy Blodgett, settled, | 58 88 | |
| 10. | Henry H. Wheeler, settled, | 40 88 | |
| 11. | Charles Byam, not settled, | 95 02 | |
| 12. | Dustin A. Gee, settled, | 33 21 | |
| 13. | James P. Mathews, settled, | 33 71 | |
| 14. | Charles H. Forristall, settled, | 74 22 | |
| 15. | Norman U. Cahill, not settled, | 98 92 | |
| 16. | Benjamin Whitcomb, settled, | 33 34 | |
| 17. | Leonard Byam, settled, | 22 26 | |
| 18. | Oliver K. Wheelock, not settled, | 99 98 | |
| 19. | Horatio N. Fairbanks, settled, | 45 64 | 4 90 |
| 20. | Thomas B. Burns, settled, | 61 65 | |
| 21. | Henry C. White, settled, | 93 64 | |
| 22. | Stephen A. Taylor, not settled, | 20 32 | |
| 23. | Frederick E. Peirce, settled, | 25 73 | |
| 24. | William Dunton, not settled, | 5 70 | |
| 25. | Albert Hayden, not settled, | 60 23 | |
| 26. | James Holman, not settled, | 21 87 | |
| 27. | Melvin Wilson, not settled, | 45 87 | |
| 28 and 29. | Phineas Whitcomb, settled, | 52 77 | 8 03 |
| 30. | William E. Holman, settled, | 96 79 | 3 75 |
| 31. | Nahum Green, not settled, | 37 40 | |
| 32. | Hiram Derby, settled, | 39 71 | |
| | | | Due, $17 58 |

The above balance due as reported above we have commit-

ted to O. L. Brooks, collector of taxes, agreeably to the provisions of sec. 2, chap. 88, laws of New Hampshire, approved Aug. 18, 1881.

Abatements of Taxes Assessed for the year 1882.

| | |
|---|---|
| Asa S. Kendall, (non resident) | $7 41 |
| Amos Wallingford, | 4 28 |
| Anthony Bourdeau, | 1 29 |
| Tamer Davis, | 2 50 |
| Cornelius Donavan, | 1 25 |
| Joseph W. Howard, | 1 63 |
| Abated taxes of 1882, | $18 36 |

Abatements of Taxes Assessed for the year 1883.

| | |
|---|---|
| Albert Campbell, | $1 30 |
| Thomas Dory, | 1 30 |
| Frank Eubar, | 2 30 |
| Moses B. Felch, | 3 25 |
| Charles Foniour, | 4 45 |
| James R. Harrington, Jr. | 1 30 |
| Charles Hancock, | 1 30 |
| William Kuhn, | 3 29 |
| George M. Kingsley, | 1 32 |
| Lewis Lassard. | 1 30 |
| Edwin Parmenter, | 1 30 |
| John Parker, | 1 30 |
| Erastus Smith, | 3 30 |
| George Brooks, (non resident) | 1 63 |
| Total abatements for 1883, | $28 64 |

NOTE.—Error in abatements:

| | |
|---|---|
| Anthony Bourdeau, 1882, | Tax of $0 04 |
| Charles Foniour, 1883, | Tax of 22 |
| Paid to Town Treasurer, | $0 26 |

# REPORTS OF FIREWARDS.

February 29, 1884.

1st alarm, May 8, dry house burned in Bowkerville, but being in Town of Troy, will be reported by Troy Fire Department. 2nd alarm, June 18, mill belonging to Elisha Chaplin burned. about noon, but being so far away and some delay in giving alarm, engine could save only some wood, as mill was burned before the fire company got there with engine. 3d alarm, July 25, about 3 P. M., house owned by O. K. Wheelock, caught fire on roof near chimney, was extinguished without much damage. 4th alarm, Sept. 19, brush fire D. F. Haydens'. 5th alarm, Sept. 22, fire south of Shampney's caused by "hunters" in wood and sprout land; damage not heavy, but fire being in roots and turf, was considerable work to control it. 6th alarm, fire at J. E. Carter's house, caused by over-heated chimney; damage about $175. There have been seven or eight fires on wood sheds, at depot, but were put out without general alarm being given.

The fire department has at all times been under *good discipline*, and ready when called for business.

## PROPERTY IN POSSESSION OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

5 fireward's badges, 1 Hunneman engine, 1 hose carriage, 300 ft. hose, used but little; 300 ft. hose, older, but in fair condition; 100 ft. old leather hose, worthless; 4 pieces suction hose, in good condition; 12 spanners, 12 spanner belts,

3 axes, 4 lanterns, 1 monkey wrench, 1 oiler, 1 saddle, for suction hose; 2 neck yokes, 2 whiffle trees, 1 hoisting jack, 1 sprinkler, 1 sponge, 4 hanging lamps, 6 fire buckets, 1 fire hook, 1 bell and frame, from old engine; 2 stoves and pipe, 2 settees, 3 straps.

For expenses of Fire Department, see Selectmen's Report, as only part of the bills were presented for approval.

Respectfully submitted,

D. H. REED,

*Chief Fireward.*

C. B. PERRY, *Clerk.*

# TREASURER'S REPORT.

## RECEIPTS.

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash on hand, March 1, 1883, | $182 25 |
| A. J. Blake, bell frame and irons, | 1 20 |
| License for circus, | 1 00 |
| W. H. Shirley, brick, | 5 85 |
| W. H. Shirley, highway tax, not worked, | 8 00 |
| H. C. White, " " | 89 |
| Jona. Page, bridge planks, | 1 00 |
| F. W. Wilkins, | 9 50 |
| W. H. Shirley, error in abatements, | 26 |
| A. J. Blake, sash sold, | 50 |
| A. J. Blake, county paupers, | 20 95 |
| George L. Bemis, | 43 50 |
| W. H. Shirley, highway tax, | 2 62 |
| N. T. Byam, use of town hall, | 67 00 |
| T. B. Burns, wood sold, | 3 00 |
| O. L. Brock, bounty on crows, | 12 00 |
| O. K. Wheelock, hay scales, | 25 00 |
| A. J. Blake, county paupers, | 25 00 |
| Railroad tax dividend, | 134 88 |
| Savings Bank tax dividend, | 1,462 40 |
| Literary fund, | 130 05 |
| O. L. Brock, collector, 1882, | 563 30 |
| O. L. Brock, collector, 1883, | 5,836 52 |
| O. L. Brock, collector, interest, 1882, | 7 61 |
| | $8,544 28 |

## DISBURSEMENTS.

| | |
|---|---|
| County tax, | $704 30 |
| State tax, | 1,180 00 |
| 145 orders of selectmen | 6,306 16 |
| Cash on hand, March 1, 1884, | 353 82 |
| | $8,544 28 |

| | |
|---|---|
| The amount the Collector was ordered to pay the Treasurer, is | $6,406 24 |
| The amount he has paid is | 5,836 52 |
| Due from the Collector, | $569 72 |

JOHN M. PARKER,
*Town Treasurer.*

FITZWILLIAM, March 1, 1884.

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We, the subscribers, having examined the foregoing report of the Town Treasurer, certify that we find it properly vouched and correctly cast.

CALVIN B. PERRY,
CHARLES D. BIGELOW,
*Auditors.*

# REPORT OF SUPERVISORS OF THE TOWN LIBRARY, MARCH 1, 1884.

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## RECEIPTS.

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash on hand March 1, 1883, | $23 23 |
| Books by the day, | 4 68 |
| Fines, | 1 34 |
| Appropriated by the town for the purchase of books, | 100 00 |
| | $129 25 |

## DISBURSEMENTS.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid for books (Estes & Lauriat), | $100 85 |
| Paid Mr. Trumbull for work in library room, | 1 00 |
| Express on books, | 1 82 |
| Stamps for notices sent to members of the old Library Association. | 1 32 |
| Stationery, | 68 |
| Postage, | 45 |
| Registered letter, | 12 |
| Cash on hand March 1, 1884, | 23 01 |
| | $129 25 |

At the Annual Town Meeting, March 13, 1883, the town passed the following vote in relation to the town library:

Voted, "that the Supervisors take measures to make the

town library a free library to all the citizens of town, under proper restrictions for the safe keeping of books."

And on the following day, in accordance to said vote, the Supervisors issued the following circular:

*To —— —— Life Member of Fitzwilliam Town Library.*

This is to inform you that agreeably to a vote passed at the Annual Town Meeting, March 13th, 1883, as follows :

Voted, "that the Supervisors take measures to make the town library a free library to all the citizens of the town, under proper restrictions for the safe keeping of books."

A meeting of the life members of said library will be held at the library room, on Saturday evening, March 31st, 1883, at 7 o'clock, to act upon the following subjects, viz:

1st. To see if the members of said library will vote to grant and turn over said library to the free use of all the citizens of the town, agreeably to said vote of the town, and the provisions of Chapter 50 of the General Laws of New Hampshire.

2d. To see if the members of said library will grant to the citizens of the North-westerly part of Jaffrey the right to take out books, subject to the payment of such sum or sums as the members of said library may by vote determine, or pass any vote in relation thereto.

This meeting is of importance, and a general attendance is desired.

As the town voted to appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars for the purchase of new books, for said library, any person desiring the library to purchase any particular book or books, for its use, are respectfully requested to pass the list to the librarian, at said meeting, for examination by the purchasing committee.

Per order of

AMOS J. BLAKE,
A. R. GLEASON,
MRS. ETTA E. GLEASON,

*Supervisors of Town Library.*

Fitzwilliam, N. H., March 14th, 1883.

And mailed a copy of the circular to each life-member of the said library, and on Saturday evening, March 31st, 1883, at 7 o'clock, a majority of the life members met at the library room, and made choice of A. R. Gleason as chairman and A. J. Blake as clerk, and after a full and free discussion of the subjects named in said circular, the following resolution was introduced, discussed, and unanimously adopted:

"*Be it Resolved*, that agreeably to a vote passed at the annual town meeting, March 13, 1883, and the provisions of Chapter 50 of the General Laws of New Hampshire, that the Fitzwilliam Town Library shall hereafter be opened to the free use of every inhabitant of the town, under proper rules and regulations to be made by the librarian and supervisors for the care, preservation and return the books."

On the 12th day of April, 1883, on account of being elected on the board of selectmen, Amos J. Blake, who had been a supervisor of said library since its organization, resigned, and on the 11th day of May, 1883, Elliot K. Wheelock was appointed in his stead, and on the 12th day of May, 1883, the Board of Supervisors agreeably to said resolution, adopted the following regulations for the government and management of the Town Library, and the safe keeping of the books.

## REGULATIONS.

1. Library hours: open every Saturday from 2 to 4 and from 6 to 8 P. M.

2. Responsible persons are allowed to draw and retain one book at a time.

3. Books may be kept three weeks, and a fine of seven cents per week shall be paid on each book detained over three weeks.

4. A person to whom a book is charged is responsible for loss, damage, or detention of the same; said damage *is to be assessed by the Librarian.*

5. The Librarian shall permit no one to take out books while he has a fine unpaid.

6. Drawers of books will make their selections from the catalogue, and no one but the Librarian will be allowed to take books from the shelves without a special permit.

7. Any person not a resident (if reliable) will be permitted to take out books (one at a time) by paying two cents per day therefor.

8. No person who has taken a book from the library shall lend it to anyone not a member of the same household.

9. All persons visiting the library are requested to demean themselves properly, and any person refusing to comply to this rule will be denied admission to the library.

10. A Reference Committee will consist of the Board of Selectmen, the superintending School Committee and the Supervisors. It shall be the duty of this committee to purchase books when there is money to be expended; also, to decide upon matters referred to them by the librarian.

11. All books must be returned annually before the last Saturday of February. A fine of twenty-five cents shall be paid on each book not returned as stated.

*By order of the Supervisors.*

As soon as it became generally known throughout the town that library had been made free to all of our citizens, the demand for books was greatly increased, making it absolutely necessary for the librarian to keep the room open four hours each Saturday, instead of two hours as heretofore. Parties that had never been seen in our library before, are constantly presenting themselves for reading matter; many of these coming from remote parts of the town. It is a *public* institution now, which implies that it is supported by *all* of our citizens, for the good of *all* of our citizens; the town stipulating simply that parties availing themselves of the privilege of taking books therefrom, use them *carefully* and and return them promptly.

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| Number of books in Town Library. March 1, 1884, | 1,690 |
| Unitarian Library. (connected with town library) | 412 |
| Total books in library, | 2,102 |

New books purchased and donated during the year, 116.

The report of the tenth census in two large volumes, may be found upon our shelves; also many public documents and reports, donated by government and State. We would also acknowledge a few donations from private individuals.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. ETTA E. GLEASON, *Librarian.*

A. R. GLEASON,

ELLIOT K. WHEELOCK,

*Supervisors of Town Library.*

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